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TURKMENISTAN COUNTRY PROFILE

Strategically located alongside Afghanistan and Iran, Turkmenistan plays an important role in advancing regional integration, security and prosperity across South and Central Asia. With abundant natural resources, Turkmenistan holds the potential to overcome economic and development challenges linked to years of authoritarian rule. The United States partners with Turkmenistan to forge a more open economy and an inclusive, resilient society.

USAID works to strengthen and diversify the Turkmen economy, build citizen-responsive institutions, increase good governance, empower youth, and expand access to health care services. We aim to increase regional connections between the economies and peoples of Central and South Asia — including Afghanistan — to foster greater stability and prosperity.

OUR WORK

With a focus on strengthening Turkmenistan’s economic trajectory and improving governance, health and education, USAID supports Turkmenistan’s unabated participation in the global economy as a strong, self-reliant partner. USAID supports Turkmenistan’s journey to self-reliance by strengthening its ability to plan, finance, and implement its own development solutions.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

An undiversified economy and limited foreign investment make Turkmenistan vulnerable to economic shocks. Through increased private sector engagement, USAID helps local businesses and entrepreneurs improve their competitiveness, increase revenue and boost job creation. Thanks to USAID assistance in 2019, Turkmenistan established its first accredited food safety lab which is helping to reduce the time and cost of exporting goods and is giving local businesses access to once-elusive foreign markets.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

After years of authoritarian rule, Turkmenistan is striving to rebuild government accountability, effectiveness and transparency. To boost citizens' trust in their government and bolster transparency, USAID promotes e-governance technologies that improve service delivery, advocates for increased access to information, and helps civil society navigate the government's complex legal and administrative systems. Thanks to our assistance in 2018, the Government of Turkmenistan codified human trafficking as a crime and created a National Referral Mechanism for the Victims of Trafficking — simultaneously increasing government transparency and citizens' confidence.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Turkmenistan's growing tuberculosis (TB) epidemic presents a challenge not only to its public health system but also to the country's long-term economic resilience. To combat TB, USAID is working to introduce new drugs that will help shorten treatment time. Over the last 20 years, USAID has helped increase the success rate of TB treatment by 32 percent. USAID also helps tomorrow's leaders gain the skills they need to build Turkmenistan's self-reliance. For example, USAID's teacher trainings in economics, entrepreneurship, digital technologies and innovation help students meet job market demands.



With USAID training, journalists learn how to report on human trafficking and migration, raising awareness among at-risk groups.

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Turkmen youth gain life skills that help prepare them for employment, thanks to USAID's focus on entrepreneurial development and learning.

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